PINBALL GAME

The pinball crown has been held by 21st Century for so long that everyone's pretty much assumed they've got it ad finitum. The last pinball game we can think of that wasn't by 21st Century was *Ultimate Pinball Quest,* politely dismissed by JD back in AP39. Even without competition, 21st Century upped the stakes by including multiball and high-res options in *Pinball Illusions* (AP43, 89%) and presumably even as we write this are sitting back, satisfied with a job well done and a monopoly on all things pertaining to Amigas and steel balls.

But hang on. Not only is *Obsession* on the way (see pages 26 and 27), but Arcane are claiming to have an *Illusions*-busting Pinball engine that's going to whup *Illusions* without even bothering to use the extra credits. There aren't any piccies because the programmer's only recently sent the game to Arcane, who are (quite correctly) embarrassed by the half-assed Trekkie theme of the table, so the plan is to sort out all the options and then do a total number on making it look all spangly and cool.

So this one's got a full screen high-res mode, multiball and subgames that come up on the scoreboard, just like *Illusions* in fact. However, unlike *Illusions,* it's also got a split-screen low-res mode to keep track of all the balls. This goes up to 3 different sections and to tell you the truth, it made our eyes hurt.

As well as being impressively fast and flowing and having animation on the actual balls, there'll also be magnetic sections to alter the track of the ball, new buffers, new targets and that sort of thing. Arcane claim it's going to be brill, but then again, they would, wouldn't they? We'll keep you posted on development, but all we can say at the moment is that everything (other than the Trekkie motif) is looking well on track.

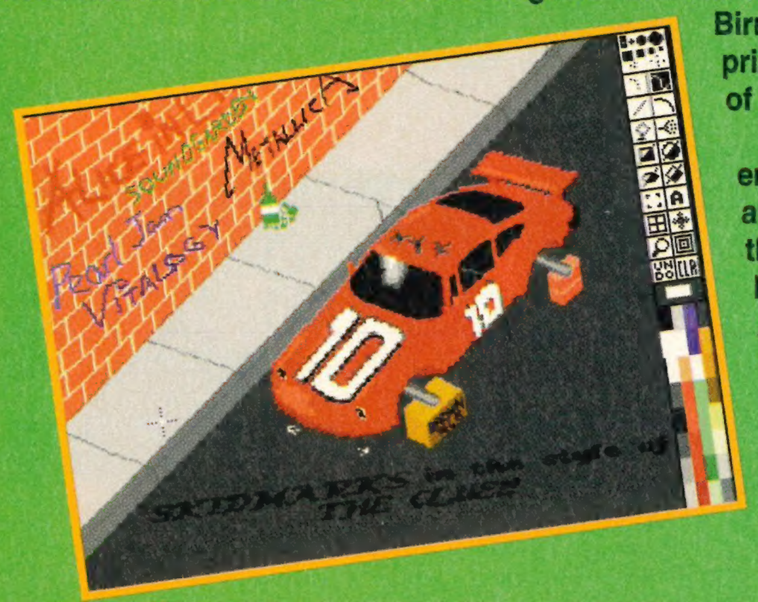
UFO 500

We'll be reviewing an A500 version of Microprose's *UFO* (A1200 version, AP43 85%) next month. Given how long the A1200 takes to calculate the enemy's movements, it should at least be interesting.

IN THE STYLE OF...

About 75% of the In The Style Of... entries this month were sent in by people who obviously have a limited grasp of English. You see, the whole point of In The Style Of... is that you send in pictures which are of something IN THE STYLE OF something else. Anyone who sends in a picture which is just a straight sketch of a game will be subjected to slow and painful execution at the hands of sadistic children's TV presenters.

Anyway, this month's fish amidst a sea of rotting algae is Iain Wilson from Nottingham for his entry, *Skidmarks* In The Style Of *The Clue*. We decided to award him 4/10, which, via a series complex mathematical equations, means he gets £80 worth of games. However, we decided that his entry would have been much funnier had he called it something like "*Skidmarks* In The Style of Birmingham", and so his prize is reduced to just £40 of software.



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TOP TWENTY CHARTS TOP TWENTY

1. SENSIBLE WORLD OF SOCCER
Renegade £30 ★★★★★
2. ON THE BALL: LEAGUE EDITION
Ascon £30 ★★★
3. BEAU-JOLLY COMPILATION
Beau-Jolly £35 ★★★★
4. PREMIER MANAGER 3
Gremlin £26 ★★★★
5. THEME PARK
Bullfrog £30 ★★★★
6. FIFA INTERNATIONAL SOCCER
Electronic Arts £30 ★★★
7. PGA EUROPEAN TOUR
Ocean £30 ★★★★★
8. CHAMPIONSHIP MANAGER ITALIA '95
Domark £25 ★★★★
9. MORTAL KOMBAT 2
Acclaim £30 ★★★
10. JUNGLE STRIKE
Ocean £28 ★★★★
11. ALL TERRAIN RACING
Team 17 £26 ★★
12. DEATH MASK
Alternative £26 ★★★
13. LUCASARTS CLASSIC COLLECTION
Kixx £30 ★★★★★
14. COMBAT CLASSICS 3
Empire £35 ★★★★
15. CHAMPIONSHIP MANAGER '93
Domark £26 ★★★★
16. FOOTBALL GLORY
Black Legend £28 ★★★
17. TERMINATOR 2 – THE ARCADE GAME
Virgin £26 ★★
18. CANNON FODDER 2
Virgin £30 ★★★★★
19. CAMPAIGN
Empire £25 ★★★
20. SKIDMARKS
Acid Software £25 ★★★★

TOP FIVE BUDGET CHARTS TOP FIVE BUDGET

1. SHADOW FIGHTER *(Eh? – Ed)*
Gremlin £30 ★★★★★
2. PREMIER MANAGER 3 EDITOR
Gremlin £15 ★★★
3. KINGPIN
Team 17 £13 ★★
4. BATMAN RETURNS
Gametek £14 ★★
5. MONKEY ISLAND 2
Kixx £17 ★★★★★

TOP FIVE CD32 CHARTS TOP FIVE CD32

1. KINGPIN
Team 17 £13 ★★
2. JUNGLE STRIKE
Ocean £28 ★★★★
3. PGA EUROPEAN TOUR
Ocean £30 ★★★★★
4. MICROCOSM
Psygnosis £45 ★
5. LIBERATION
Mindscape £30 ★★★★★

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